

Implications of Inaccurate Restoration: Charles R. Mackintosh's Willow Tea-Rooms on Sauchiehall Street

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Introduction

- Tea-room movement gained popularity in the 1880s and 1890s.
- Tea drinking became an alternative to daytime drinking.
- Mackintosh soon partnered with Miss. Cranston.
- Willow Tea-rooms soon became the most complete tea rooms in Europe.

Introduction

- Among most successful designs.
- Expressed the ideology of the early twentieth century modern movement.
- Necessitates accuracy in restoration and portrayal.

Argument

- Three historical events caused significant damage to C. R. Mackintosh's Willow Tea Room design, resulting in irreversible loss of original fabric and reduced ability for today's viewers to understand the architect's design concept:
 - 1) Transformation of the Room de Luxe into Daly's Department store.
 - 2) Restoring the Room de Luxe into a tea room.
 - 3) Modifying the ground floor and exterior façade for Henderson's Jewelry Store.

Methodology

Content Analysis

Scholarly journal articles

Magazine articles

Books

Organizations

Publications

Photographic Analysis

Hunterian Art Gallery – Mackintosh Online Catalogue

Daly's Department Store renovation

Original Room de Luxe



Room de Luxe after Daly's Department Store Bridal shop renovation



The re-opening of the Willow tea-rooms

Original Willow tea-room

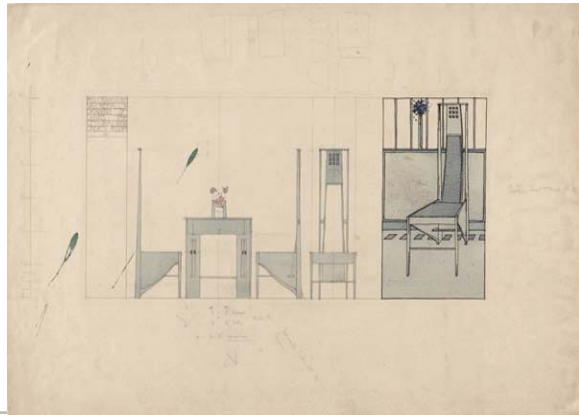


Renovation Willow tea-room



The re-opening of the Willow tea-rooms

Original Willow tea-room



Renovation Willow tea-room



Henderson's Jewelry Store renovation

Original exterior façade of
the Willow tea-rooms



Present day exterior façade
of the Willow tea-rooms



Conclusion

- Mackintosh's Willow tea-rooms were among most successfully designed interiors.
- The original form and materials have not been preserved.
- This impedes accuracy in understanding
- Integrity of the tea-rooms needs to be restored.